

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF PIEDMONT  
NOVEMBER 21TH, 2017  
6:00 PM

The City Council of the City of Piedmont met in regular session at the time and on the date above. Present were Mayor Bill Baker, Council Members Ben Keller, Mary Bramblett, Doug Dickeson, Matt Rogers, Bobby Hardin and Terry Kiser.

Following the invocation given by Mayor Baker and the pledge of allegiance to the flag the minutes were presented for consideration. Terry Kiser made the motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The bills totaling \$494,322.51 were then presented for consideration for payment. Mary Bramblett made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment unanimously.

The Mayor asked for consideration of Ordinance 616 for the second reading. Ben Keller made the motion to adopt Ordinance 616 which would eliminate Other Business from the Council Agenda. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the Mayor asked the City Clerk for a roll call and the vote was as follows:

<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Ben Keller	Bobby Hardin	None
Mary Bramblett	Terry Kiser	
Doug Dickeson		
Matt Rogers		
Greg South		
Mayor Baker		

Following the roll call the vote was 6 yeas and 2 nays to eliminate Other Business for the Council Agenda.

The Mayor called on Chief Norton to give the Police Report for the month of October 2017. There were 1632 total contacts with the public. There were 14 felony arrests, 61 misdemeanor arrests, 3 DUI arrests, 25 drug arrests, 3 crimes against persons arrests, 4 theft arrests, 27 court/warrant arrests and 10 other agency arrest. There were 41 citations, 9 accident reports and 44 motorist assists. There were 2 violent crimes reported, 6 burglaries reported, 15 thefts reported, 20 cases investigated and 127 incident reports. The Piedmont Municipal Court collected \$19,415.03 for the month of October 2017. The Chief then gave the Piedmont Nuisance and Abatement Report for the month of October 2017. There were 18 total cases. 4 new yard cases, 1 new house case, 4 cases being processed, 6 cases

completed, 2 community service workers, 4 contracts on structures, 2 court appearances and 3 verbal contracts.

The Mayor then called on Chief Ledbetter to give the Piedmont Fire Report for the month of October 2017. There were 2 structure fires, 3 automatic alarms, 1 vehicle fire, 3 woods and grass fires, 4 vehicle accidents, 3 hazardous materials calls, 5 ambulance assists, 16 service calls and 2 landing zones established.

In Other Business Doug Dickeson made a motion to declare 411 North Center Ave. a public nuisance. Matt Rogers seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Terry Kiser asked the Council to consider increasing the gas tax to help fund city projects. He also said that someone had asked that the city consider annexing in Pleasant Acres Trail into the city limits. He also reminded the Council that a decision needs to be made on refinancing the bonds.

Doug Dickeson gave the Council three options for savings for the city and asked that the Council think about it and he would bring it back up at the next meeting.

Matt Rogers said that Calhoun County agreed that Piedmont is eligible for animal control services through the county. He said that the commissioners would be meeting on November 27<sup>th</sup> and would discuss this during their meeting. Matt Rogers also said that the city needed to go ahead and hire an animal control officer. Mayor Baker also said that Rainbow City would be meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> and a decision would be made if they can service the city.

Mary Bramblett said that the city needed an updated animal control Ordinance.

Ben Keller said that the council needed to wait until we have a contract with Calhoun County or Rainbow City before we hire someone.

Greg South said that all this needs to be added to the budget.

There were no Visitor's Comments.

In Council Reports Ben Keller had no report.

Mary Bramblett wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Doug Dickeson said he had two more pieces of handicapped equipment he would like to purchase for the park.

Matt Rogers said that a sign needed to be put up at the sight of the equipment stating that it is designated for handicapped only.

Greg South had no report.

Bobby Hardin had no report.

Terry Kiser thanked Leanne Pike for putting the AMEA reserve fund amount on the bank account balances.

City Clerk Michelle Franklin asked the Council to approve a liquor license for Loco Cantina. She said all necessary background checks were done by Chief Norton. Mary Bramblett made the motion to approve the liquor license. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the motion carried with one "no" vote by Doug Dickeson.

In the Mayor's Comments the Mayor congratulated Officer Ryan Kirk for graduating from the Police Academy. He also announced a safety meeting on Wednesday at 11:00 am.

With no other business to come before the Council Terry Kiser made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm.